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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES
RECOVERY AUTHORITY AND OTHER QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Not later than three years
2 before the expiration of each contract between the Connecticut
3 Resources Recovery Authority and municipalities for solid waste
4 disposal services, the board of directors of the authority shall establish
5 a special committee consisting of representatives of the authority and
6 such municipalities. The special committee shall study and present to
7 said board of directors options for disposing of solid waste from such
8 municipalities after the expiration of such contract. Such options shall
9 include, but not be limited to, private sector management of such solid
10 waste disposal.

11 Sec. 2. Section 1-122 of the general statutes is repealed and the
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

13 The [board of directors of each quasi-public agency] Auditors of
14 Public Accounts shall annually [contract with a person, firm or

15 corporation for] conduct a compliance audit of [the] each quasi-public
 16 agency's activities during the preceding agency fiscal year [. The] or
 17 contract with a person, firm or corporation for any such audit or
 18 audits. Each such audit shall determine whether the quasi-public
 19 agency has complied with its regulations concerning affirmative
 20 action, personnel practices, the purchase of goods and services, the use
 21 of surplus funds and the distribution of loans, grants and other
 22 financial assistance. [The] Each audit shall include a review of all or a
 23 representative sample of the agency's activities in such areas during
 24 such fiscal year. The [board] Auditors of Public Accounts shall submit
 25 [the] each audit report to the Governor [, the Auditors of Public
 26 Accounts] and two copies of the audit report to the Legislative
 27 Program Review and Investigations Committee. Not later than thirty
 28 days after receiving copies of an audit report from the Auditors of
 29 Public Accounts, the Legislative Program Review and Investigations
 30 Committee shall prepare an assessment of whether the audit report
 31 complies with the requirements of this section and shall submit the
 32 assessment and a copy of the audit report to the joint standing
 33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 34 relating to the quasi-public agency. Each quasi-public agency shall pay
 35 the cost of conducting such annual compliance audit of the agency.

36 Sec. 3. Section 1-123 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

38 The board of directors of each quasi-public agency shall annually
 39 submit a report to the Governor [,] and the Auditors of Public
 40 Accounts and two copies of such report to the [joint standing
 41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 42 relating to the quasi-public agency] Legislative Program Review and
 43 Investigations Committee. Such report shall include, but not be limited
 44 to, the following: (1) A list of all bond issues for the preceding fiscal
 45 year, including, for each such issue, the financial advisor and
 46 underwriters, whether the issue was competitive, negotiated or
 47 privately placed, and the issue's face value and net proceeds; (2) a list

48 of all projects other than those pertaining to owner-occupied housing
 49 or student loans receiving financial assistance during the preceding
 50 fiscal year, including each project's purpose, location, and the amount
 51 of funds provided by the agency; (3) a list of all outside individuals
 52 and firms receiving in excess of five thousand dollars in the form of
 53 loans, grants or payments for services, except for individuals receiving
 54 loans for owner-occupied housing and education; (4) a balance sheet
 55 showing all revenues and expenditures; (5) the cumulative value of all
 56 bonds issued, the value of outstanding bonds, and the amount of the
 57 state's contingent liability; (6) the affirmative action policy statement, a
 58 description of the composition of the agency's work force by race, sex,
 59 and occupation and a description of the agency's affirmative action
 60 efforts; and (7) a description of planned activities for the current fiscal
 61 year. Not later than thirty days after receiving copies of such report
 62 from the board of a quasi-public agency, the Legislative Program
 63 Review and Investigations Committee shall prepare an assessment of
 64 whether the report complies with the requirements of this section and
 65 shall submit the assessment and a copy of the report to the joint
 66 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 67 matters relating to the quasi-public agency.

68 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Auditors of Public
 69 Accounts shall annually audit the books and accounts of each quasi-
 70 public agency, as defined in section 1-120 of the general statutes, or
 71 contract with a person, firm or corporation for any such audit or
 72 audits. Each such audit may include an examination of performance in
 73 order to determine effectiveness in achieving expressed legislative
 74 purposes. The Auditors of Public Accounts shall report their findings
 75 and recommendations concerning each such audit to the Governor, the
 76 State Comptroller, the joint standing committee of the General
 77 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
 78 the budgets of state agencies, and the Legislative Program Review and
 79 Investigations Committee. The provisions of subsections (d), (f) and (h)
 80 of section 2-90 of the general statutes shall apply to such audits. Each
 81 quasi-public agency shall pay the cost of conducting such annual audit

82 of the agency.

83 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 2-90 of the general statutes is
84 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
85 *1, 2003*):

86 (c) Said auditors shall audit, on a biennial basis if deemed most
87 economical and efficient, or as frequently as they deem necessary, the
88 books and accounts of each officer, department, commission, board
89 and court of the state government, all institutions supported by the
90 state and all public and quasi-public bodies, politic and corporate,
91 created by public or special act of the General Assembly and not
92 required to be audited or subject to reporting requirements, under the
93 provisions of chapter 111. Each such audit may include an examination
94 of performance in order to determine effectiveness in achieving
95 expressed legislative purposes. The auditors shall report their findings
96 and recommendations to the Governor, the State Comptroller, the joint
97 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
98 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
99 and the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee.
100 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to quasi-public
101 agencies, as defined in section 1-120, that are subject to the audit
102 requirements of section 4 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and other quasi-public agencies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]